

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Title: Record Carrier Containing A Signal Having A Sequence Of Successive Information Signal Portions

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. A record carrier having a signal recorded in a track, the signal comprising a sequence of successive information signal portions, each signal portion representing an information word wherein each of the information signal portions comprises n bit cells having a first or second logical value and wherein a plurality of track information patterns represent the signal portions, characterized in that the information signal portions are spread over at least one group of a first type and at least one group of a second type, while each information signal portion belonging to a group of the first type uniquely represents an information word and each information signal portion belonging to a group of the second type in combination with the logical values

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